

**Villages Electrified in Maharashtra**

[English]

5213 **SHRI VILASRAO NAGATHIAO GUNDEWAR** Will the Minister of POWER AND NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES be pleased to state

(a) the number of villages electrified in Maharashtra during the last two years, district-wise

(b) the number of villages yet to be electrified, and

(c) the number of villages proposed to be electrified during 1992-93 district-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF POWER AND NON CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES (SHRI KALPNATHRAO) (a) to (c) The Maharashtra State Electricity Board has declared that, as per 1981 census the entire State has reached cent per cent village electrification by the end of March, 1989. The total number of electrified villages in Maharashtra comes to 39,106.

**Akashvani Kendra at Aligarh**

5214 **SHRIMATI SHEELA GAUTAM DR LAL RAHDUR RAWAL**

Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state

(a) whether it has been decided to set up an AIR station at Aligarh in Uttar Pradesh,

(b) if so, the details thereof, and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (KUMARI GIRIJA VYAS) (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. There is a proposal at present to set up a Relay Centre at Aligarh. It is scheduled to be technically ready by March, 1994.

(c) Does not arise

**National Network Programme**

5215 **SHRI V. SOBHANADREESWARA RAO** Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state

(a) whether the National Network programme is telecast from all the Doordarshan Kendras in the country uniformly,

(b) if so, the details of Doordarshan Kendras from where Hindi News are not telecast on this Network, and

(c) if so, the reasons, therefor?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (KUMARI GIRIJA VYAS) (a) to (c) No, Sir. Doordarshan Kendra, Madras does not telecast the national news bulletin in Hindi at 8.40 P.M. This exception was made at the request of the Government of Tamil Nadu.

[Translation]

**Units of ITDC Not to be Privatised**

5216 **SHRI MUMTAZ ANSARI** Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state

(a) the details of Units of the India Tourism Development Corporation which are not to be privatised as per the Government's decision, and

(b) the reasons therefor and the income expected to be earned by the Government each year from these units?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA) (a) and (b) Government have formulated a scheme whereby small groups of ITDC hotels would be formed for the

purpose of developing them as Joint Ventures with foreign hotel chains. In the first instance, two groups of four hotels each are proposed to be developed in this manner. The matter is however, yet to be finalised.

#### **Air Service in Rajasthan**

5217. **SHRI GIRDHARI LAL BHARGAVA** : Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have received any proposal from the Sahara-India Company for introducing air-service in Rajasthan;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the places at which Sahara-India is likely to provide air-service in the State?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA) : (a) to (c). Sahara-India has yet to obtain Air Taxi Operators Permit. The scheme permits operation of air-services to all airports in India which are open to scheduled operation.

[English]

#### **Telecast of Nepali Films**

5218. **SHRIMATI DIL KUMARI BHANDARI** : Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Doordarshan telecast documentary and features films on national network in regional language;

(b) whether the Government have received requests from Nepali speaking people of the country to telecast Nepali films,

(c) whether some producers have offered their production for telecast; and

(d) if so, the number of Nepali films telecast during the last three years and the

number of films proposed to be telecast in future?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (KUMARI GIRIJA VYAS) : (a) to (c). Yes, Sir.

(d) Six Nepali films have been telecast by Doordarshan during this period. The telecast of more Nepali films in the future will depend upon the offered films being found suitable for telecast, Doordarshan's overall programme requirements and completion of formalities.

#### **Local Call Facility within the Radius of 40 Kms.**

5219. **SHRI NANDI YELLAIAH** : Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have been extending local telephone call facilities to areas within the radius of 40 Kms from each State capital;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the names of such capitals which have been provided with this facility;

(d) the names of cities without these facilities; and

(e) the time by which these facilities are likely to be provided to all the cities including Hyderabad?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI P. V. RANGAYYA NAIDU) : (a) No Sir, the local call facility is restricted to local area of a telephone exchange or telephone exchange system. Calls beyond the local area of a telephone exchange systems are charged on the basis of long distance tariff. However, presently the charges for subscriber dialled long distance calls between two ex-